

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

### **Election of Species**

The Examiner has divided the application into four species [Species I drawn to figures 1-8; Species II drawn to figure 9; Species III drawn to figure 10; and Species IV drawn to figure 11]. The Applicant respectfully disagrees and suggests that there are generic claims which apply to all four groups identified by the Examiner and therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner remove the election requirement.

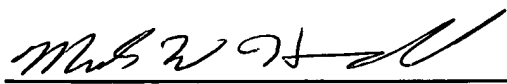
The Applicant agrees with the Examiner that claim 1 is generic, and additionally points out that other claims such as claims 14, 23, 32 and 34 may also be generic to all Figures, namely Figures 1-11,

Applicant elects to pursue Species I as identified by the Examiner, in which the Examiner has included Figures 1-8, in the event the Examiner maintains the restriction. The Applicant submits that: the claim group beginning with claim 1 applies to Figures 1-8 (claims 1-13); the claim group beginning with claim 14 applies to Figures 1-8 (claims 14-22); the claim group beginning with claim 23 applies to Figures 1-8 (claims 23-31); the embodiment(s) shown in Figures 1-8 may be utilized in practicing the method set forth in the claim group beginning with claim 32 (claims 32-33); the embodiment(s) shown in Figures 1-8 may be

utilized in practicing the method set forth in the claim group beginning with claim 34 (claims 34-37).

Respectfully submitted,

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